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SUBJECT: MURDER OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: REQUEST FOR MORE GUIDANCE

1. AS SOON AS WE RECEIVED WORD ON AMBASSADOR DUBS' DEATH, I GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO LOWER OUR FLAG TO HALF MAST AND TO CLOSE ALL US MISSIONS OFFICES. I AM ALSO GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICIAL AMERICANS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS THIS COMING WEEKEND.

2. REQUEST: I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. OUR FAM INSTRUCTS US TO KEEP THE FLAG AT HALF-MAST UNTIL INTERMENT OR DISPATCH OF BODY FROM AFGHANISTAN. WE PLAN TO FOLLOW THIS COURSE UNLESS INSTRUCTED DIFFERENTLY.

B. BESIDES CLOSING THE EMBASSY TODAY, SHOULD I KEEP THE EMBASSY CLOSED FOR ANY DAYS NEXT WEEK AND IF SO, FOR HOW LONG?

C. WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO HOST OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY SOCIAL EVENTS WHATSOEVER UNTIL INTERMENT OR DISPATCH OF THE BODY FROM AFGHANISTAN.

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OFFICIALLY FOR SIGNATURE TWO MORNINGS, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AND 18. WE WILL CIRCULATE AN APPROPRIATE NOTE TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ANY SPECIAL ADVICE?

3. PLEASE CABLE US THE NUMBERS OF ALL THE APPROPRIATE FAM SECTIONS IN TERMS OF THE ABOVE AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTERS. AMSTUTZ

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